[Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi]

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sanction has been accorded to Form IV being opened in the school from this school year.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether such application have been received for the middle school also?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether applications have been received for the raising of middle schools to high schools ?

MR. A. NARAYAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know what is the present policy of Government in raising the status of schools and under what conditions are permissions given ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Till the Government now passed orders on the report of the Education Reorganisation Committee's generally it is not the policy of Government to grant permission for the opening of new schools. In exceptional cases where the Government feels that there is necessity for the School being started earlier, Government have given permission.

English High School, Chengannur.

92. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: — Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of students admitted this year to the English High School, Chengannur ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that there is no sufficient accommodation in the school for the number of students admitted ;

(*c*) why no headmaster has yet been appointed ; and

(*d*) whether there is adequate staff in the school to meet the requirements of the increased number of students ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) 603.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A competent headmaster has been posted in the school.

(*d*) 7 graduate teachers and 6 undergraduate teachers have been additionally sanctioned for the school this year and aarangements are being made for the posting of the additional teachers.

Fee concession and backward class Christians.

93 *MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to State :

(*a*) whether the Christians of the backward classes such as Sambavars, Cheramars and Ayyanavars are not granted full fee concessions in schools and colleges ;

(*b*) whether these backward class Christians were enjoying full fee concession from 15th May 1924 ; and

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(*c*) whether they are aware of the grievances and consternation caused among these backward class Christians by the withdrawal of fee concessions in their case?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, till the end of the school year 1936-1937.

(*c*) No.

MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN : தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களான, இரிஸ்தவமாணவர், மாணவிகளுக்கு Fee concession இல்லாததினால், அவர்கள் கல்வியில் முன்னேற்றமடைய முடியாமல் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். Full fee concession கொடுப்பதற்கு அடுத்த காலத்தில் காருண்ய கவர்ண்மென்டார் ஏதாவது நடபடி எடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா ? அந்த நடபடிகள் எவைகள்? எப்படி ?

MR.A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : Fee concession rules according to the latest literacy figures are being revised and are under consideration by Government.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know why fee concession had been refused to the members of the backward communities who professed the Christian religion?

MR.A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : They are not denied fee concession.

MR: A. P. UDAYABHANU : Am I not to infer from the answer that is given that fee concession was refused to the backward Communities who professed the Christian religion?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No Sir, The question is whether they are granted full fee concession and the answer is 'no'. It cannot be inferrred from this that they were not enjoying fee concession. If the Member had gone into the answer very carefully he could have inferred that the members of the backward communities were enjoying fee concession. They are enjoying half fee concession without any percentage restriction.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : My question is whether they are not enjoying full fee concession?

MR. A NARAYANAN TAMPI : Yes.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : Then may I know, why that concession has been denied now?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : It has since, been found that they have become sufficiently forward so that they need not be given full fee concession. That may be the reason why half fee concession is being enjoyed by them.

Music Examination held in 1945.

94 ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of candidates who have passed the Music Examination held in 1945?

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